

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2000–2005 Project Profile



SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)

SEARHC is a non-profit tribal health consortium of 18 Native communities in a region that stretches 600 miles from North to South. SEARHC serves over 12,000 Alaska Natives and American Indians and over 4,000 community members who reside on the archipelago. Website: <http://www.searhc.org>.

Injury Topics addressed by 2000-2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Cold Water Survival
Bike Safety
Child Passenger Safety
Fire Safety
Fall Prevention
Pedestrian Safety
Playground Safety
Seatbelt Safety
Poison/Choking Prevention
Roadway Safety

Injury Prevention Program Staff



Somer Cox, IP Coordinator

Tenure: 11/15/2003 – present

Training: IHS Levels I–III IP Courses, UTTC On-line courses, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician



Margy Hughes, SEARHC IP Specialist

Tenure: 03/2004 – 01/2006

Training: IHS Levels I–III IP Courses, CPS Technician, Alaska Marine Safety's Instructor course



Kathy O'Gara, Health Promotion Director

Tenure: 03/1996 – present

Training: IHS Levels I and II IP Courses, Epi Fellowship, CPS Technician, Johns Hopkins Injury Prevention Summer Institute

Additional Coordinator: Cheryl Smith: Tenure: 10/1/2000 – 9/15/2003

Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Community Injury Prevention Teams • Public Health Nurses • Local Businesses • SAFE KIDS • Schools • Housing Department • Emergency Medical Services • Police and Fire Departments • Federal and State Agencies • Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium • Medical clinic • Hospital • Media • Government officials • Head Start • Alaska DOT • Indian Health Service • Alaska Marine Safety and Education Association

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

- Created Injury Prevention Teams in eight Southeast Alaska communities.
- Assisted IP Teams in planning, implementing, and evaluating interventions (e.g., bike helmet ordinance, pedestrian safety, fall prevention activities, car seat distribution, motor vehicle crash project).
- Created a regional injury prevention mini-grants program.
- Developed University of Alaska Southeast IP ten credit course.
- Conducted team building and evaluation activities.
- Sponsored a Level I Injury Prevention Course.

Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Reuben Crossett funding.
- Alaskan Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA).
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC).
- IHS Maternal and Child Health.
- IHS 2005-2010 TIPCAP funding.
- SEARHC compacted budget.
- State of Alaska.

Presentations Given to Promote AI/AN Injury Prevention

- Alaska State Injury Prevention Conference.
- SEARHC Board of Directors.

